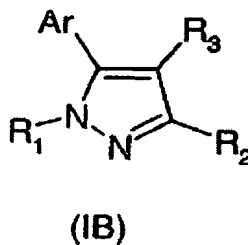
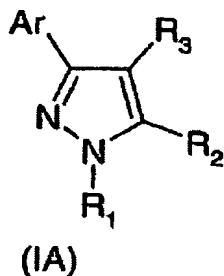


The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound of formula (IA) or (IB) or a salt, N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof:



wherein

Ar is an aryl or heteroaryl radical which is linked via a ring carbon, and which is substituted by a hydroxy group on a carbon in the 2-position, and which is otherwise either unsubstituted or optionally substituted;

R₁ is hydrogen or optionally substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R₂ is hydrogen, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl, or C₁-C₆ alkynyl ; or a carboxyl, carboxamide or carboxyl ester group; and;

R₃ is a carboxamide group.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2-hydroxyphenyl group which is optionally further substituted.

3. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2-hydroxyphenyl group further substituted by one or more of hydroxy, ethyl, isopropyl, chloro, bromo, or phenyl groups.

4. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxy-5-

chlorophenyl group.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or hydroxyethyl.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is hydrogen or methyl.

7. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R₃ is a carboxamide group of formula -CONR^B(Alk)_nR^A wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₂-C₆ alkenyl group

R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

8. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein Alk is -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH=CH-, or -CH₂CCCH₂-, R^B is hydrogen or methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or allyl, and R^A is hydroxy or optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, N-piperazinyl, or N-morpholinyl.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 7 ~~or claim 8~~ wherein R^A is phenyl, optionally substituted by at least one of OH, CH₃O-, Cl, F, NH₂CO-, NH₂CO-, CH₃NHCO-, -COOH, -COOCH₃, -CH₂COOH, -CH₂COOCH₃, -CH₃, -CF₃, -SO₂CH₃, -SO₂NH₂, 3,4-methylenedioxy and 3,4-ethylenedioxy.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in any claim 7 wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen, Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxy-5-chlorophenyl group, Alk is -CH₂-, n is 0 or 1, R^B is

hydrogen, and R^A is phenyl, optionally substituted by at least one of OH, CH₃O-, Cl, F, NH₂CO-, NH₂CO-, CH₃NHCO-, -COOH, -COOCH₃, -CH₂COOH, -CH₂COOCH₃, -CH₃, -CF₃, -SO₂CH₃, -SO₂NH₂, 3,4-methylenedioxy and 3,4-ethylenedioxy.

11. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which optionally contains one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which is optionally substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

12. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or N-phenylpiperazinyl ring, which is optionally substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

13. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 which is a member of the group consisting of

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-acetyl-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid phenyl-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-chloro-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-acetylamino-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1 H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-sulfamoyl-benzylamide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-chloro-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-acetylamino-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1 H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-sulfamoyl-benzylamide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1 H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-carbamoyl-phenyl)-

amide,

4-([3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl-benzoic acid,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-methyl-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-methoxy-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-chloro-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 3-trifluoromethyl-benzylamide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-methanesulfonyl-benzylamide,

and salts, N-oxides, hydrates and solvates thereof.

14. (Original) A method of treatment of diseases or conditions responsive to inhibition of HSP90 activity in mammals, ~~in particular in humans, which method comprises~~ comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

15. (Currently Amended) A human or veterinary medicine comprising the compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1, ~~for use in human or veterinary medicine~~.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13, for use in~~ The medicine of claim 15 for the treatment of diseases or conditions responsive to inhibition of HSP90 activity.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, ~~a compound for use as claimed in claim 15 or claim 16, or the use as claimed in claim 17~~ wherein the disease or condition is cancer.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, ~~a compound for use as claimed in claim 15 or claim 16, or the use as claimed in claim 17~~ wherein the disease or condition is a viral disease, transplant rejection, inflammatory disease, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Type I diabetes, lupus, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, cystic fibrosis, angiogenesis-related disease, diabetic retinopathy, haemangioma, or endometriosis.

20. (New) A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the mammals are humans.